

Listing of the Claims

A complete listing of the claims, with the status of each, is set forth below.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for modifying surface of polymer powder by rotational ultrasonic treatment, which comprises:

a hopper which feeds pulverized polymer powder;

a rotor which is linked to the bottom of the hopper as an integrated body, linked to a driving means through a power transferring means, and rotates by the power transferred from the driving means;

a rotating disk which is linked to the bottom of the rotor as an integrated body by a bolt, and is provided with a downsloped planed at the center;

a shaft which extends through centers of the hopper, the rotor, and the rotating disk, and discharges the polymer powder fed from the hopper out the bottom of the rotating disk;

an ultrasonic vibrator which is positioned at the bottom of the rotating disk with a gap, and modifies the polymer powder fed by the shaft using ultrasonic wave, wherein the ultrasonic vibrator is attached to a second supporting plate which can move up and down through rails, so that the gap between the rotating disk and the ultrasonic vibrator can be controlled;

a converting means which is linked to the bottom of the ultrasonic vibrator, and comprises a booster and a converter; and

a generator which is linked to the converting means through a cable.

2. (Previously presented) The apparatus for modifying surface of polymer powder by rotational ultrasonic treatment according to Claim 1, wherein there is provided a downsloped plane with a predetermined angle at the bottom of the rotating disk so that the polymer powder can be discharged easily.

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus for modifying surface of polymer powder by rotational ultrasonic treatment according to Claim 1, which further comprises a discharging plate that encompasses the lower gap between the rotating disk and the ultrasonic vibrator, and guides the polymer powder discharged outward.

4. Canceled

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus for modifying surface of polymer powder by rotational ultrasonic treatment according to Claim 1, wherein the power transferring means is a combination of a timing belt and a pulley.

6. (Currently amended) A method of modifying polymer powder using rotational ultrasonic treatment, wherein polymer powder is fed between a rotating disk and an ultrasonic vibrator, which are positioned with a gap, and treated with ultrasonication while being rotated, and then discharged by the centrifugal force due to the rotation of the rotating disk, wherein the modification degree and quantity of which are controlled by controlling the rotation speed of the rotating disk and the gap between the rotating disk and the ultrasonic vibrator.

7. Canceled

8. (Previously presented) The method of modifying polymer powder by rotational ultrasonic treatment according to Claim 6, wherein the polymer powder is rubber, waste rubber, waste tiers, or plastic powder.